

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Swearingen et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2444**  
Serial No.: **10/815,210** §  
Filed: **March 31, 2004** § Examiner: **Shaw, Peling Andy**  
For: **Method and System for** §  
**Authorizing a Restricted Callable Status** § Confirmation No.: **9510**  
**in an Instant Messaging System** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030808US1**

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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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